

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-17 (canceled).

18. (currently amended): A method for forming images, the method comprising the steps of:

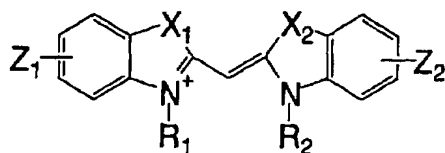
imagewise exposing a silver halide color photographic photosensitive material having, on a support, photographic constituent layers comprising at least one layer each of a blue-sensitive silver halide emulsion layer containing a yellow dye forming coupler, a green-sensitive silver halide emulsion layer containing a magenta dye forming coupler, a red-sensitive silver halide emulsion layer containing a cyan dye forming coupler, and a non-photosensitive hydrophilic colloid layer; and

subjecting the exposed silver halide color photographic photosensitive material to developing processing including a color developing step, a bleach-fix step and a rinsing step; wherein,

the blue-sensitive silver halide emulsion layer contains a silver halide emulsion with a silver chloride content of 90 mol% or more containing at least one member selected from the spectral sensitizing dyes represented by the following general formula (VI), and

the calcium content in the rinse solution used for the rinsing step is 5 mg/l or less[.];

General formula (VI)



A

(where R₁ and R₂ each independently represents a substituted or non-substituted hydrocarbon of 1 to 10 carbon atoms; A represents a counter ion required for balancing electric charges of a dye molecule; X₁ and X₂ each independently represents O, S, Se or [[R₄N-]] R₄N< (in which R₄ is a substituted or non-substituted alkyl, alkenyl or aryl); Z₁ represents a substituted or non-substituted pyrrole, a substituted or non-substituted furane or a substituted or non-substituted thiophene coupled directly to the benzene ring in the formula; Z₂ represents H, or a substituted or non-substituted pyrrole, a substituted or non-substituted furane, a substituted or non-substituted thiophene, a substituted or non-substituted lower alkyl, a substituted or non-substituted alkenyl, a substituted or non-substituted alkoxy, a halogen, a substituted or non-substituted aryl, a substituted or non-substituted aryloxy, or a substituted or non-substituted thioalkyl, any of which are bonded directly to the benzene ring in the formula[.]).

19. (original): A method for forming images according to claim 18, wherein the silver halide emulsion in the blue-sensitive silver halide emulsion layer contains 0.02 to 1 mol% of silver iodide.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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20. (original): A method for forming images according to claim 18, wherein the sphere-equivalent diameter of the grain contained in the silver halide emulsion in the blue-sensitive silver halide emulsion layer is 0.6 μm or less.

21. (original): A method for forming images according to claim 18, wherein a 6-coordination complex having Ir as a center metal and having at least one ligand other than halogen and cyan is contained in the silver halide emulsion in the blue-sensitive silver halide emulsion layer.

22. (original): A method for forming images according to claim 18, wherein the silver halide color photographic photosensitive material is exposed imagewise with a blue semiconductor laser at an oscillation wavelength of 430 to 460 nm.

23. (original): A method for forming images according to claim 18, wherein the color developing step is started within 9 seconds after imagewise exposure of the silver halide color photographic photosensitive material.

24. (original): A method for forming images according to claim 18, wherein the color developing step is conducted within 28 seconds.